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In re Patent No. 6,134,118 :
Issued: 17 October, 2000 :
Application No. 08/834,798 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 3 April, 1997 :
For: CONDUCTIVE EPOXY FLIP-CHIP :
PACKAGE AND METHOD :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c),¹ filed on 27 September, 2006, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on 17 October, 2000. The window for payment of the first maintenance fee installment with a surcharge closed on 18 October, 2004. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four (24) months of the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

It is noted that a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) was filed on 27 June, 2005, and was dismissed on 23 February, 2006. As petitioner has now submitted \$1640.00 for the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.378(c), the additional surcharge will be refunded.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

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¹ 37 CFR 1.378(c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(i)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.